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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Imperial Beach – Charges Filed Against Two Men Suspected of Hate Crime Attack During Rally

(U) Hate crime-related charges have been filed against two men who allegedly assaulted protesters, including a Black journalist, during a racial justice rally in Imperial Beach. Jeffrey Brooks, 38, and Henry Brooks Jr., 32, have warrants for their arrest due to their alleged involvement in the attack at the Imperial Beach Plaza on 7 June. The men face charges of felony assault and battery with hate crime allegations.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) Menlo Park – Facebook Removes Accounts for Links to Deceptive Campaign Ahead of Election

(U) Facebook has removed over 100 fake accounts based in Romania over suspected interference in the US presidential election, the company said yesterday. The accounts ran pages posing as Trump and his supporters on Facebook and Instagram. The company said in a report that people behind the Romanian network used fake accounts to pose as Americans to amplify and comment on their own content, and manage pages including some posing as President Trump fan pages.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [Forbes](#)

(U) Placer County – Oxycontin Pills Laced with Fentanyl Seized During Placer County Arrest

(U) Authorities are warning residents after tests done on pills seized from a man arrested back in June revealed they were laced with Fentanyl. The Placer County Sheriff's Office says 20-year-old Sacramento resident Edmond Danny was arrested for a felony probation no-bail warrant on burglary charges. While taking him into custody, deputies discovered he had about 1,000 pills of Oxycontin, which were found to be laced with fentanyl.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) San Diego – Former Federal Agent Sentenced for Stealing Smuggled Drug Money

(U) A former US Department of Homeland Security investigator was sentenced to more than a decade in federal prison in California for stealing more than \$100,000 in smuggled drug money, authorities said. Tyrone Cedric Duren, 50, was handed a sentence of 10 years and 8 months in a San Diego courtroom. He also was ordered to pay \$275,000 and forfeit his home in Bonsall in San Diego County. Duren pleaded guilty last year to 19 charges, including money laundering, making false statements and tax evasion.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [AP](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – HSI Agents Discover Sophisticated Border Tunnel Near San Luis

(U) San Luis – Special agents with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) discovered an unfinished cross-border tunnel Tuesday after several days excavating the Sonoran Desert terrain outside of Yuma. The discovery is a result of an ongoing HSI led multi-agency investigation. The US portion of the tunnel reaches from San Luis stretching past the Mexican border and under the fence extending over 1300 feet. Preliminary photographs reveal the man-passable passageway is equipped with a fully developed

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ventilation system, water lines, electrical wiring, a rail system, extensive reinforcement and shoring, known to be commonly used in sophisticated subterranean tunnels.

SOURCE: 7 August 2020, [KOLD](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – White House Issues Executive Orders Banning Chinese Apps TikTok, WeChat

(U) Washington – The White House yesterday issued an executive order that would ban the social media app TikTok from operating in the United States in 45 days if it is not sold by its Chinese parent company ByteDance. The executive order states that “the spread in the United States of mobile applications developed and owned by companies in the People’s Republic of China (China) continues to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. At this time, action must be taken to address the threat posed by one mobile application in particular, TikTok.” Shortly after issuing the order banning TikTok, the White House added a second order banning Chinese social media and messaging app WeChat. The order bans any financial transactions related to WeChat’s parent company TenCent Holdings.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Offers up to \$10 Million for Information on Foreign Hackers Interfering in Upcoming Election

(U) Washington – With the 2020 election only a few months away, the US State Department is ramping up its efforts to prevent any interference through “certain illegal cyber activities.” The department’s Rewards for Justice (RFJ) program is offering up to a \$10 million reward for information leading to the identification or location of anyone working with or for a foreign government. The program is administered by the Diplomatic Security Service, a news release said. Anyone with information on foreign interference in the US election can contact the RFJ office through its website, the regional security officer at the nearest US embassy or consulate, or by email.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Individual with Islamist Ties Takes Several Hostages at Bank

(U) Le Havre – A gunman who took six people hostage in a bank in northern France yesterday surrendered to police after a six-hour operation to free his captives. The hostage-taker, a 34-year-old with a history of mental illness, emerged slowly from the building wearing a balaclava and with his hands turned palms-up, before officers with their weapons raised moved in and handcuffed him. All the hostages were unharmed. The suspect is believed to have Islamist ties, according to police union officials. Police union officials said he was known to police and on a security agency watchlist.

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

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